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WESTERWAY: SINCE YOU LEFT VIETNAM YOU HAVE BEEN BACK TO THE UNITED STATES. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ABOUT TRYING TO GET THIS POINT OF VIEW BACK TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY?

BARTOS: WELL IN MIAMI - I LIVED IN THE FORT LAUDERDALE AREA AND I WENT TO SEE CHANNEL 12'S RALPH RENNECKE THERE, - IS QUITE A WELL-KNOWN COMMENTATOR, AND I TRIED TO SPEAK TO HIM AND WHEN THEY FOUND OUT WHAT MY STORY WAS - THEY ARE EXTREMELY PRO-GOVERNMENT - THEY DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. AND SO A FRIEND AND I WENT TO WASHINGTON, WE WENT ON A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, AND I GOT TO SPEAK TO SENATOR WAYNE MORSE OF OREGON AND SENATOR CHURCH OF IDAHO. WHEN I INTRODUCED MYSELF AND TOLD

THEM WHO I WAS HE SAID, I MUST SPEAK WITH YOU, WE MUST GET TOGETHER BECAUSE THIS MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE HAS GONE MAD AND WE HAVE GOT TO STOP HIM SOME WAY AND SO WE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET FOR LUNCH. WE MET SEVERAL OTHER TIMES AND I GAVE SENATOR MORSE ALL THE INFORMATION THAT I HAD AND HE THANKED ME VERY MUCH AND WE ARRANGED A MEETING WITH SENATOR CHURCH OF IDAHO AND I SPOKE WITH HIM. SENATOR CHURCH WAS IN THE AIR FORCE IN CHINA DURING WORLD WAR II AND HE RELATED SOME OF THE AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE ORIENTALS - THE GOOKS AS THE MILITARISTS LIKE TO CALL THEM - AND HE SAID 'YES THIS IS VERY FAMILIAR THEY ARE UP TO THEIR OLD TRICKS!'

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WESTERWAY: CHECK WHAT ARE YOUR OWN POLITICAL BELIEFS

BARTOS: WELL I AM AN INDEPENDENT I BELONG TO NO PARTY I HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY AND VOTE INDEPENDENTLY AND I STILL FEEL THE SAME WAY AND I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER CHANGE. I TRY TO PICK THE BEST MAN.. I DO NOT BELONG TO THE COMMUNISTS OR ANY PARTY SUCH AS THAT. I BELONG TO NO PARTY. I DO MY OWN THINKING. THE ONLY ORGANIZATION I BELONG TO IS THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION. I HAVE BELONGED TO THEM SINCE THE YEAR 1946 AND IF THE SENATE UN-AMERICAN

AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FIND OUT THAT THE AOPA ARE COMMUNISTS THEN I AM AFRAID I WILL HAVE TO PLEAD GUILTY...BECAUSE I'VE BEEN A MEMBER THAT LONG.

WESTERWAY! NOW YOU'VE PAINTED THE PICTURE OF THE CIA AS AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL ORGANIZATION AND ONE WHICH IN VIETNAM AT LEAST IS RUTHLESS. DON'T YOU FEEL THAT YOU YOURSELF MIGHT BE SILENCED?

BARTOS: WELL THIS IS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY. THE CIA ARE A UNDERGROUND OPERATION AND I THINK THAT IF YOU GOT IN THEIR WAY QUITE A BIT THAT THEY ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF REMOVING YOU. NOW I STAND ON THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION AND THE AMERICAN BILL OF RIGHTS, AND SENATOR WAYNE MORSE AND SENATOR CHURCH TOLD ME THAT IF I GOT IN ANY DIFFICULTY THAT THEY WOULD COME TO MY HELP AND THAT AS LONG AS A CONSTITUTION STANDS IN AMERICA THAT WE ARE ALLOWED FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AND THIS IS WHAT I STAND ON AND THIS IS THE OPINION THAT I AM VOICING. I AM SPEAKING FOR MYSELF AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FOR NO ONE ELSE.

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